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1. ANALYSIS OF MISSION 1046-2 OF 21 MARCH 68 HAS RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS.
2. ONE OF THE TWO MOSKVA CLASS HELICOPTER CARRIERS IS IDENTIFIED AT ANCHOR AT 44-43N 33-30E, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 2 NM OFFSHORE AND 4 NM SSW OF KACHA AIRFIELD [REDACTED] ON THE SAME DAY, FROM [REDACTED] 23 HARP/HORMONE WERE REPORTED AT KACHA AIRFIELD IN THE PROCESS OF BEING UNCRATED AND ASSEMBLED. THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THIS SHIP TO KACHA AIRFIELD AT THIS TIME MAY INDICATE THAT IS RECEIVING, OR IS ABOUT TO RECEIVE, ITS OPERATIONAL

GROUP 1  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification

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COMPLEMENT OF HELICOPTERS. IT WILL CARRY AN ESTIMATED 20 TO 30 HELICOPTERS, THE MOST LIKELY TYPES BEING THE KA-20 HARP AND/OR THE KA-25 HORMONE. THE TWO FLAT-TOP BARGES AT SEVASTOPOL NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD SEVMORZAVOD 497, REPORTED FROM [REDACTED] [REDACTED] HAVE CIRCULAR PATTERNS PAINTED ON DECK AND ARE APPARENTLY INTENDED FOR PILOT TRAINING IN PREPARATION FOR SHIPBORNE OPERATIONS. THEIR POSITION IS 11 NM SOUTH OF KACHA AIRFIELD. THE SECOND HELICOPTER CARRIER OF THE MOSKVA CLASS WAS OBSERVED STILL AT THE FITTING-OUT QUAY AT NIKOLAYEV SHIPYARD NOSENKO 444

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